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May 5, 2010

Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
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Attn: Su Corbaley

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Mattole Restoration Council's proposal for the Phase III Mattole Watershed Plan Implementation project, which seeks to improve watershed health in the coastal Mattole River basin through erosion control, habitat enhancement, and invasive plant control projects.

The Mattole River watershed supports runs of endangered anadromous fish such as salmon, which are susceptible to temperature-impaired waters. The proposed project will improve water quality and enhance habitat by planting trees to shade and cool the water, as well as eradicate noxious weeds.

Coastal Conservancy funding will leverage other state and federal funds to facilitate treatment of over 120 sites, stabilizing approximately 75,000 cubic yards of soil in this sediment-impaired watershed. Many of the projects are slated for implementation on lands protected by Conservancy-funded conservation easements.

Overall, the proposed project will benefit the Mattole River watershed and North Coast community by resulting in improved habitat for salmon, a vital resource to this region. I support the Mattole Restoration Council's efforts and encourage your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Thompson".

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April 22, 2010

Doug Bosco, Chair
Attn: Su Corbaley
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Phase III Mattole Watershed Plan Implementation

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to extend my support for the Mattole Restoration Council's Phase III Mattole Watershed Plan Implementation project (Project) which is before the Conservancy for funding consideration. If funded, the project will continue important Mattole River restoration efforts by implementing erosion control, riparian habitat enhancement and invasive plant control projects which are necessary for the watershed's health. This Project provides significant water quality and habitat enhancement benefits to a coastal watershed supporting runs of endangered anadromous fish, with many of the projects slated for lands protected by Conservancy-funded conservation easement.

I am aware of the various restoration projects completed by the Council over the past decades and am greatly impressed by the consistent quality of work. Representatives from my office have the opportunity to tour the Mattole watershed and have been greatly impressed to observe, first hand, the scope of work that the Mattole Restoration Council has done in earlier project phases.

This is an important addition to coastal watershed restoration work of the Conservancy. I urge the Conservancy's favorable consideration for the Phase III Mattole Watershed Plan Implementation project.

Sincerely,

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PATRICIA WIGGINS
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April 14, 2010

Doug Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

I'm writing in support of the Mattole Restoration Council's (MRC) Phase III Mattole Watershed Implementation Plan. This project could prioritize areas for erosion control and deal with essential riparian restoration.

I continue to work closely with the MRC and strongly believe in their mission. They are leaders in the world of fishery restoration and remain committed to restoring the entire Mattole River watershed.

The MRC's proposal will enhance our effort to improve the Mattole River's water quality and habitat. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Smith, 1st District Supervisor
County of Humboldt

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April 20, 2010

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RE: Phase III Mattole Watershed Plan Implementation

Dear Chairman Bosco:

It is the mission of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (HCRCD) to work in voluntary cooperation with private landowners and landowner groups to promote and accomplish the ongoing conservation of local natural resources. Mattole Restoration Council's proposed Phase III Mattole Watershed Plan Implementation project aims to implement priority erosion control, riparian habitat enhancement, and invasive plant control projects on private lands. These projects will improve watershed health in the coastal Mattole River watershed. The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (HCRCD) supports the goals of these projects and encourages their favorable consideration and funding by the Coastal Conservancy.

The Coastal Conservancy funding will leverage other state and federal funds to facilitate treatment of over 120 sites stabilizing approximately 75,000 cubic yards of soil in this sediment-impaired watershed. The project will also employ tree planting and related riparian forestry activities to help shade and cool the Mattole's temperature-impaired waters.

The proposed project will also implement erosion control treatments on the Ranch owned by the Sweet family and will augment a successful collaborative partnership for restoration on private lands. HCRCD has worked collaboratively with the Coastal Conservancy in the past to implement and successfully complete project sites on the Howe Creek Ranch as part of the Lower Eel River Watershed Restoration project. These types of mutually beneficial projects protect water quality and improve fish habitat and are enhanced by occurring on lands protected by Conservancy-funded conservation easements. We encourage your support.

Sincerely,

Donna Chambers
Executive Director

cc: Jeremy Wheeler, Mattole Restoration Council

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April 26, 2010

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
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ATTN: Susan Corbaley

RE: Phase III Mattole Watershed Plan Implementation

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY
OAKLAND, CALIF.

Dear Mr. Chairman Bosco:

The Northern Region of the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) supports the Mattole Restoration Council's, Phase III Mattole Watershed Plan Implementation Project, and their request to the Coastal Conservancy for funding. This project will implement priority erosion control, riparian habitat enhancement, and invasive plant control projects for watershed health in the coastal Mattole River watershed.

This funding will leverage other state and federal funds to facilitate treatment of over 120 previously identified sediment producing site, thus, stabilizing approximately 75,000 cubic yards of soil in this sediment-impaired watershed. The project will also facilitate tree planting and related riparian forestry activities to help shade and cool the Mattole's temperature-impaired waters. These projects will be complemented by noxious weed eradication benefiting watershed health.

The funding request is in accordance with habitat improvement recommendations reported in the CDFG's *Mattole River Watershed Assessment Report* (Downie et al., 2003), and the goals of the *Recovery Strategy for California Coho Salmon* (CDFG 2004). This project will also provide matching funds for the Petrolia Area Sediment Reduction Project recently funded through the CDFG Fisheries Restoration Grants Program.

In addition to the project's benefits to fisheries and riparian resources, the Phase III Mattole Watershed Plan Implementation Project extends the pioneering cooperation between community groups, landowners, and state and federal agencies in the Mattole

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River watershed. These collaborative efforts serve as a model and resource for other California communities performing restoration. Please contact Gary Flosi at 707-725-1072 if you have questions regarding these important projects.

Sincerely,

for 
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Acting Regional Manager

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